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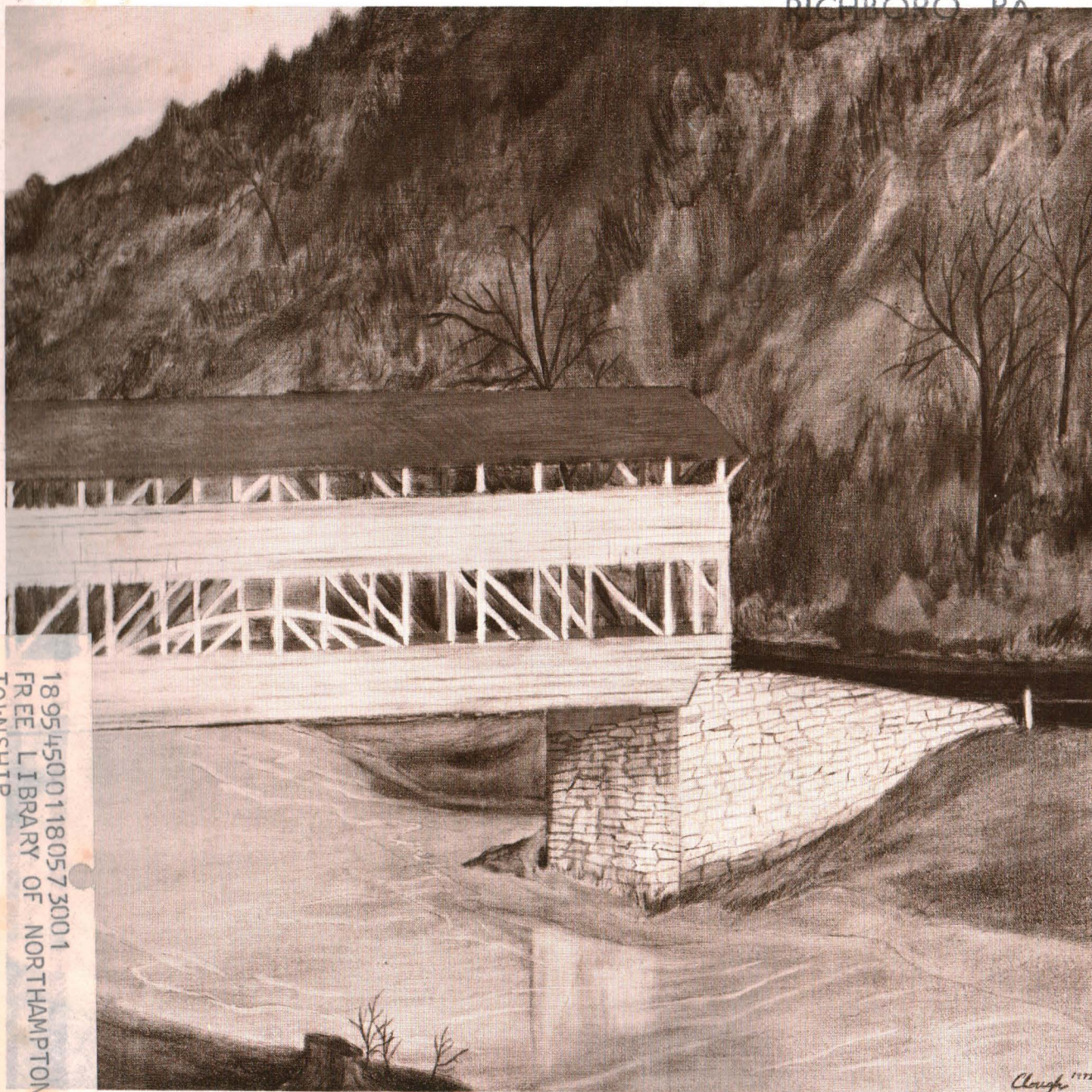
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**COVER PHOTO:** Painting of covered bridge on Yellow Spring Road in Valley Forge by Roger Clough.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

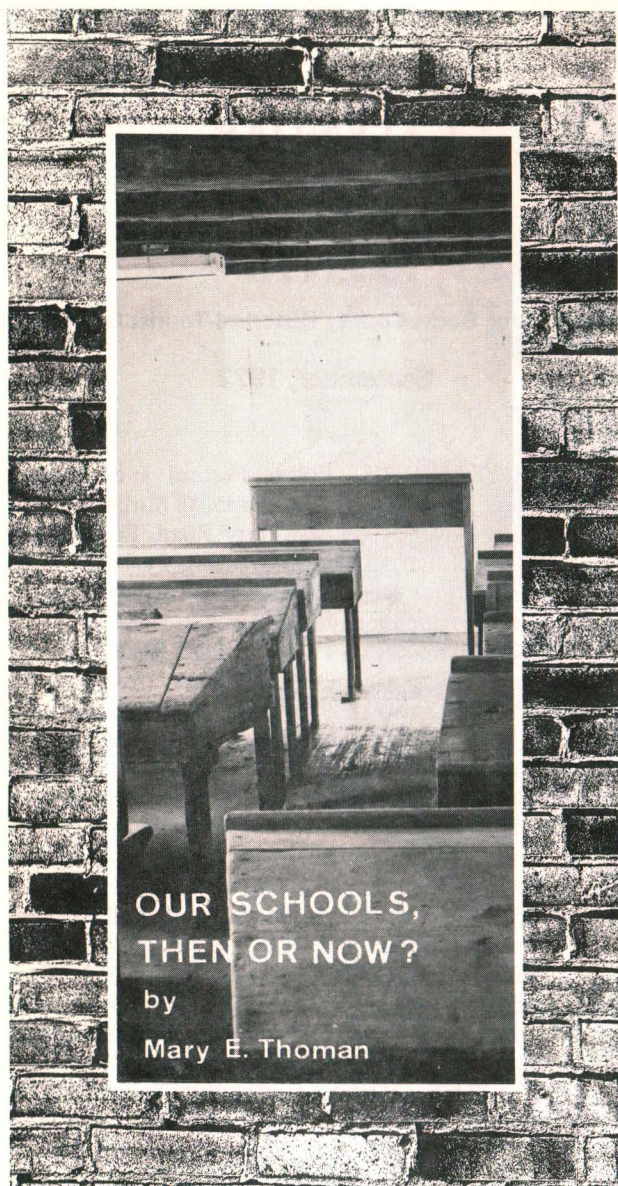
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- 2,3,4  
9,10 DOYLESTOWN — Polish Festival and Country Fair, Annually at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road. Free Admission — Entertainment — Dancing. Parking Charge — \$2.00 for cars, \$5.00 for buses. Events begin at Noon each day; ending 9 p.m.
- 4 DOYLESTOWN — First Annual Bucks County Day Fair, at Gaudeamus Farms, featuring an All-Breed, All-Youth Horse Show under the direction of the Liberty Trail Appaloosa Association Telford, Pa. Beginning 9 a.m. Rain or Shine. Benefit the restoration of the Historic Bolton Mansion in Levittown. For information write to the American Civilization Institute of Bucks County, Inc., Box 597, Levittown, Pa. 19058.
- 5,6,7 SELLERSVILLE — Sixth Annual Mill Stream Antique Show and Sale, to be held in the Armory, Route 152, east of Route 309. Free Parking. Tuesday, 6 to 10 p.m., Wed. and Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Benefit Grandview Hospital.
- 8,9 TREVOSE — Trevoise Horticulture Society's 46th Annual Fall Flower Show, to be held in the Strawbridge Clothier Auditorium, Neshaminy Mall. Theme "National Parks 1872-1972, Let's Celebrate". For information and show schedule contact Mrs. Louis Heins, 3401 Sorrel Lane, Huntingdon Valley or call 947-3523.
- 8,9 YARDLEY — Yardley Harvest Day, Annual event — something for the entire family.
- 10 SELLERSVILLE — 4th Annual "Gallery in the Park", art show, sponsored by the Pennridge Jaycettes to be held outdoors in Lake Lenape Park. Information — General Chairman Barbara Rufe, 509 South 5th St., Perkasie, 257-7324.
- 10 SELLERSVILLE — Quakertown Band will present a concert in Lake Lenape Park, 2 p.m. Open to the public, no admission.

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"The success of female teachers is nearly equal to that of the males." This is women's lib, Bucks County, year 1863. The following is from the first page of a book entitled, Pennsylvania School Report.

#### COMMUNICATION

Department of Common Schools  
Harrisburg, December 31, 1863.

To His Excellency, Andrew G. Curtin,  
Governor of Pennsylvania:

Sir: — In compliance with the act of Assembly, I have the honor herewith to present to you, the thirtieth annual report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, for the year ending June 1, 1863.

Very Respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
C. R. Coburn  
Sup't Common Schools

Report of Bucks County Superintendent S. S. Overholt reads as follows:

**SCHOOL HOUSES** — Five new houses were built during the year, one in each of the following districts: Haycock, Middletown, Rockhill, Southampton and Springfield. They are all improvements on the same class of houses in the above districts, except the one in Rockhill. They are all reasonably good houses, although we have better in other districts. To the best of my knowledge, there is not a house in the county that has an unhealthy location. Sixty-eight houses are yet in the county that are insufficient; either too small, built of poor material, or badly constructed. These should all be rebuilt at the earliest possible convenience. It is greatly to be hoped that directors who intend building, will first visit some of our better class houses, and build after more improved models. An error in building a new school house will be a source of inconvenience, and a discomfort to the children of the neighborhood, during the next half century.

**FURNITURE** — To my knowledge but one house was refurnished during the year, and that was done after my visit to the school; hence I cannot give a description of it. Of the two hundred and thirty-one houses in the county, one hundred are not properly furnished. In most of these one hundred houses, the desks are so constructed that the pupils are obliged to face the walls, all around the room; with their feet resting against the cold walls; while the seats are without backs, and in many instances much too high for the feet of one-third of the pupils to reach the floor, while seated. It is most earnestly urged that directors will have all such furniture at once removed, and have it replaced by furniture that will conduce to the comfort and health of the pupils.

**APPARATUS** — The following is a list of the articles furnished to the different schools during the year. Upper Makefield, Pelton's outline maps. Milford, Schreoters outline maps. Sanders elocutionary charts to all schools in Bristol township; Sanders primary charts for reading to all schools in Bristol township, to nine schools in Buckingham, five in Southampton, to three in Warminster, and to three in Wrightstown; new blackboards to one school in Bristol township, to two in Durham, to one in Middletown, to one in Southampton, to one in Rockhill, and to one in Tinicum.

Though the above is all the apparatus that had been furnished, at the time of visiting, doubtless more was furnished afterwards, of which I am not



cognizant. There are now in use in the different schools throughout the county, furnished by directors, sub-districts, and teachers, not less than 91 sets of primary reading charts, 115 sets of outline maps, 25 globes, besides numerous other articles that facilitate instruction.



**SCHOOLS** — Not any in the county were graded during the year; though in several districts excellent facilities were offered. At Sellersville, in Rockhill district, the directors erected a house, and formed a new school, at a very short distance from the old one; while one suitable house for two graded schools, would have been of vastly greater advantage to the place. At Bridge Point, in Doylestown township, a suitable house and graded schools are greatly needed. At Attleborough, in Middletown district, are two poor houses and two ungraded schools. Here the board should at once erect a proper building, and establish two graded schools. But it is difficult for directors and people, in many districts, to see the real advantages of graded system. It is true that directors have been unfortunate in the selection of teachers for several of these schools; hence some of them have not made the progress that was anticipated. But the difficulty has been with the *teachers*, and not with the *plan*; all our graded schools in charge of good teachers, have shown admirable success. Such are the superior advantages in graded schools, over ungraded schools, that directors should at once establish them wherever the population will possibly warrant it. School directors are greatly responsible for neglecting such a palpable duty.

**TEACHERS** — Thirty-one teachers with professional certificates gave reasonable satisfaction; one hundred and seventy-three with provisional certificates gave reasonable satisfaction. There was a slight decrease in the proportion of female teachers in

the county during the year. The success of female teachers is nearly equal to that of the males.

**VISITATIONS** — All the schools in the county were visited once during the year, except eight that were not in session at the time of visiting other schools in the vicinity. Ten schools were visited twice. The average time spent in each was about three hours. It is something of a question to me, whether frequent visitations cause good schools, or whether good schools cause frequent visitations. It is certain, however, that most of our best schools are visited frequently by directors and parents. I am somewhat of the opinion that directors and parents feel more pride in their good schools than in some of the others; hence they visit them more frequently. I am well satisfied too, that our most active and energetic teachers, take more pains to secure visits from directors and parents, than those who take less interest in their schools. In one district, containing five schools, I noticed 19 visits recorded on the register by directors in one school; on another in the same time, 8; on another 7; on another 1; The schools were about in proportion to the visits. On one register in another district, I counted 51 names of citizens who had visited the school in the course of about four months. I need scarcely mention, that it was one of the best schools in the county.



**DISTRICT** — There are only two districts in the county where the secretaries act as district superintendents. In one of these the effect was plainly perceptible. This important provision of the school law, in the hands of suitable and competent persons, would produce an incalculable amount of good to our schools; but placed in the hands of ignorant, bigoted, and narrow-minded persons, incapable of judging the merits of successful teaching, and the requisites to a good school, it like otherwise measures of the system, proves a failure.

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# around bucks county

BUCKS COUNTY  
SCENES OF YESTERYEAR



*The Baptist Church in New Britain - 1908*



*The Ferndale Hotel, Ferndale, Pa.*





*Revere, Pa.*



*Davisville, Southampton, Pa., - summer of 1906*



*North Branch, Fountainville, Pa.*





*Open Air Market in Timbuktu*

## BUCKS COUNTIAN MAKES TIMBUKTU TREK

by  
William Keyes



If you can survive Sahara-silicosis, amoebiasis, bed-bug and a variety of other bites and numerous unmentionable hazards — if you have seen and done

everything — then, by all means do go to West and Central Africa, exotic and challenging to say the least. You are visiting countries, newly named, that are not really accustomed to nor prepared for foreign visitors, where governments at the slightest whim will abruptly take over entire hotels and cancel flights, where unbearable humid heat or the opposite, dry, drenching dust prevail.

Almost everyone has heard of the legendary Timbuktu but some people don't realize that it still very much exists in the present country of Mali at the south edge of the Sahara Desert on the brim of the Niger River, and that it is a very busy, active place. It is possible to get there if the weekly flight on the thirty-five-year-old D.C. Three happens to be operating. Otherwise one could be faced with dugout

and camel. A group of us had to charter a plane which was a stroke of luck. But Timbuktu is worth the extra effort in its fascination.

Multitudinous tribes are here in every possible attire (the Taureg men wear veils; their women don't) and there are camel caravans, traders, and boatmen from the Niger River. The buildings are all of mud bricks and there is nothing but sand as far as the eye can reach. Here the Twelfth Century rubs shoulders with the world of today. There are crowded, fly infested outdoor markets where the order of the day is fresh camel and goat meat, black smoked fish heads, several varieties of fresh fish, watermelons, tomatoes, unidentified assortments of beans, and cakes of raw, unrefined salt from the mines in the middle of the Sahara, a thousand miles to the northeast and still brought in by camel caravan. Then there are houses of foreign explorers, picturesque handicrafts quarters, the "glorious" Mosque of Sonkore, the tomb of Sheik El Moktar, who inspired the Legend of Sinbad, and the Mosque Djinguiraiber built in the Fourteenth Century.



There is only one hotel — of mud brick; the locks on the doors don't work, the cold water at times will run a little, the toilets don't. If the hotel is full you are put up in the jail which I understand is a little nicer; we were not so lucky. The menu in the dining building of the hotel is sheep liver, canned peas from Red China, red wine served in various old whiskey bottles (vintage and chateau not identified,) and hearth-baked bread containing enough sand to make toothbrushing unnecessary. You just grit and bear it! All of this is not exactly salubrious but better than starvation.



*Interior court and tower of the Mosque of Sonkore in Timbuktu.*

After supper, as you walk through the sand back to the sleeping building (with your flashlight as there isn't much electricity in Timbuktu) the Sahara stars are clear and beautiful in the cool dry air of evening and you are glad that you made the extra effort to get there in spite of all.

An hour's flight from Limbreville, Gabon (on the equator) is the town of Lambarene on the Ougouou River (we called it the Ooey-Gooey,) the sight of the late Dr. Albert Schweitzer's hospital, referred to as "The Capital of Human Charity." His great work is being carried on by a group of dedicated, devoted volunteer colleagues. To cross the very wide river to get there one gingerly boards a handcarved dugout, twenty feet long and only fourteen inches wide, with the oarsman at the stern, and you try to ignore the

stultifying heat, the hippos and the circling crocodiles. After all a missing leg or arm is to be overlooked if you're a real sport! Upon precariously traversing the river, while still several hundred yards from the shore of the hospital, our olfactory senses took alarm. The stimulus turned out to be two dugouts tied to a dock and full of elephant meat, apparently more than a few days old, brought by relatives to feed their family members who were patients in the hospital as well as themselves, as is the custom. On closer inspection the meat was not only more than gamey but well seasoned with maggots and worms as well, a dish not described in my latest edition of *Julia Child!*

And then there are the Cameroons, land of spitting cobras, scorpions and pythons, a real nature lover's paradise. You travel by ancient bus (the bags tied on top) to exotic sounding places like Yaounde, Maroua, Mokolo, Rhumsiki and Waza. In these spots the "hotels" are groups of mud brick huts with pointed thatched roofs and the crudest of accommodations. But then, after all, you don't expect the Ritz. My nocturnal visitors included a huge python slithering around above the metal mesh "ceiling" and lizards darting around the walls and floors. In these remote mountain areas one still sees primitive villages where tribal dances with throbbing drums, clouds of smoke and chanting hordes pursue their ancient rituals and you feel that you are in some other world, certainly where few Americans have ventured. You ask yourself if it is all quite real, but it is. And at times on the long trek you wonder if you will survive, and of course you do, for Paris is only three thousand miles to the north and the bucolic bliss of Bucks County is just another hop away.

And so, dear readers, if you are very hardy and venturesome and curious, do go to West and Central Africa; it's an experience of a lifetime. But be prepared!

*[Editor's note: One of Bucks County's most traveled citizens, concert baritone William Keyes, has recently returned from visiting eight countries in West and Central Africa: Senegal, Ivory Coast, Mali, Ghana, Nigeria, Gabon, Cameroons and Tchad. This was Mr. Keyes' fifth trip to various parts of Africa; he has given song recitals in two modern African cities, Salisbury, Rhodesia and Johannesburg, South Africa, and his singing career has taken him to many far-flung areas of the world and he has written about some of these trips for Panorama. We thought our readers would be interested in the singer's brief narrative of this, his latest non-singing adventure, which, indeed, did take him to Timbuktu.]*



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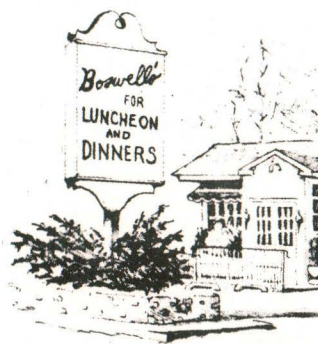
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**DISTRICT INSTITUTES** — All the districts in the county have now either institutes of their own or joint institutes with adjacent districts. Nine districts did not organize until towards the close of the school year, with the opening of the Spring terms.

Among the ditricts that held the most effectual district institutes were Bensalem, Bedminster, Durham, Doylestown township, Hilltown, Plumstead and Tinicum. I will give an outline of the programme of exercises adopted by the Plumstead institute.

The officers of the institute were elected for the whole school term, care being taken to select the most competent among the teachers. Three branches were then selected to constitute the forenoon exercises during the entire term, and competent teachers were appointed to teach each branch for the term. The branches were geometry, algebra and physical geography, an hour being devoted to every meeting of each. For the afternoon exercises the president would select three of the common school branches, and appoint teachers to conduct the exercises at the next meeting. In all branches lessons were assigned and required followed by discussions on the best methods of teaching the branches under consideration. These, in connection with asking and answering referred questions, and vocal and instrumental music, constituted the regular exercises of the institute. All the above named districts had adopted somewhat similar programmes of exercises. About 40 of our teachers were indifferent about attending. They were generally teachers who taught merely for the sake of employment, and not for any special interest they felt in the advancement of our

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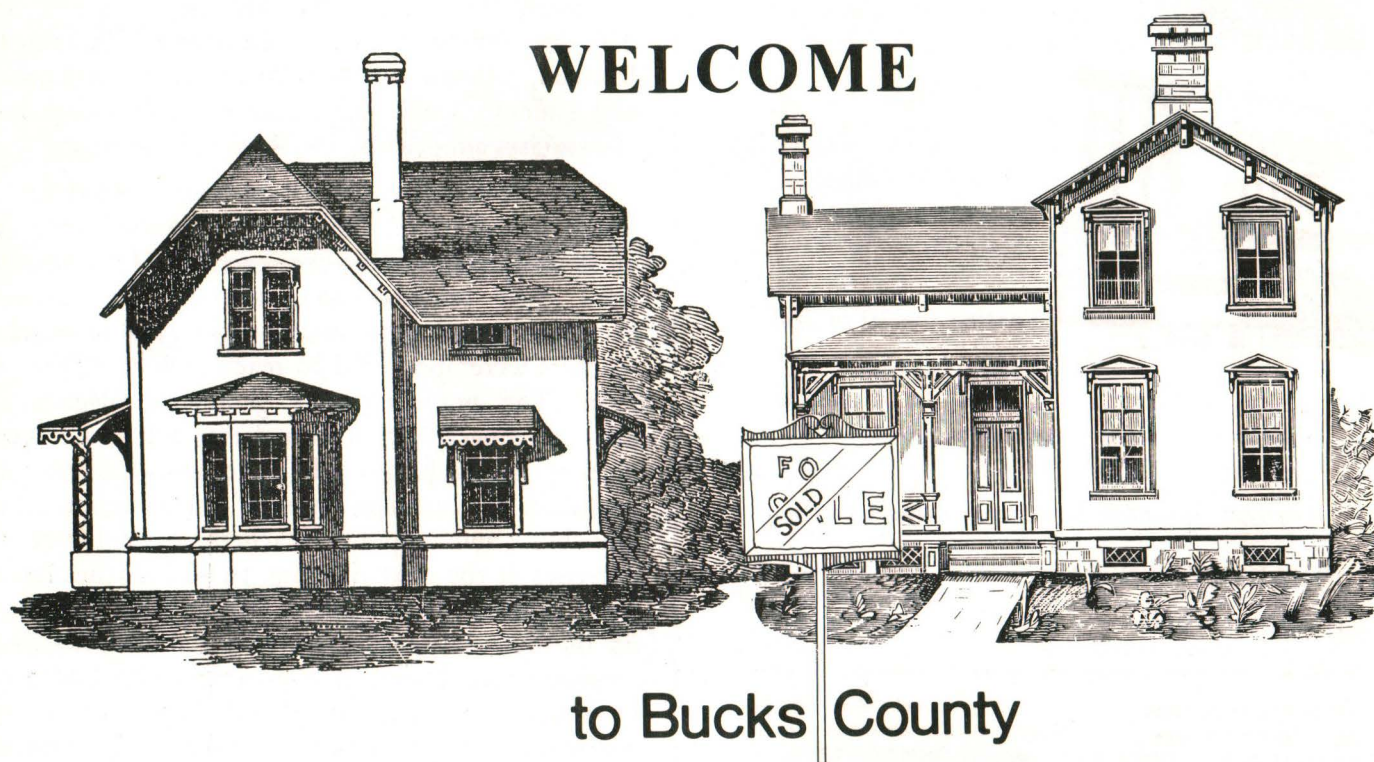
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by Jean Wicker

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Actually, up until the day before the move, everything went smoothly. Maybe too smoothly. I should have had a premonition that all was going too well. Granted, the time element would be tight. The agreement was to move out Thursday morning, while my husband passed papers with the new owners, who would move in the same afternoon. Then, we'd stay at a motel overnight, pass papers on our new house in Lower Makefield and move in Friday.

That five o'clock telephone call on Wednesday hit like a shotgun blast.

"Sorry, 'your' moving van broke down in North Carolina, and won't be here to move you until Friday."

Husband: "We'll sue!"

Moving company: "Uh-huh. Read the fine print."



My husband called the new owner and said, "Sorry, 'our' moving van broke down in North Carolina and won't be here to move us until Friday."

New owner, a New York City lawyer, "We'll sue. Read the fine print."

My husband paced, swore, and called moving companies. Then he paced, swore, and called moving companies. Then he paced, swore — oh, you get the idea.

About ten that evening, a reluctant voice over the telephone from a local firm (uncovered deep in the heart of Newark) agreed to move us the following morning — for only two hundred dollars more than our original moving concern (name furnished on request). With one condition: move out and *in* the next day. There was no time to speculate on the qualifications of the mover or the possibility of a "hot" van. When you're over a barrel, you're over a barrel.

New problem. The owners of house in Bucks County refused to let us move in until papers were passed on Friday. It looked for a while as if we would camp out on the front lawn with our furniture overnight (and pray it didn't rain). What a terrific impression to make on our new neighbors!

Our blessed real estate agent, got a court order, bribed a judge — I don't know, but anyway, we had permission to move in on Thursday. Only had to sign a document which forfeited our savings, our future income, possibly our children — if we failed to appear to pass papers the following morning.

So move we did, after a fashion. The mover didn't have a van. What he had was two trucks. On one it said, "Used Furniture" and on the other, "We Cater to Welfare Clients". We might have made a better impression on our new neighbors if we'd camped out on the lawn all night.

Can't honestly say Pennsylvanians are impulsively friendly. The only one to darken the door that first week was the omnipresent Welcome Wagon lady. Now, I'm a New Englander, where people are notoriously slow to make friends, but I'm sure if I thought my new neighbor was a welfare client, I'd have sent over some baked beans.

It's three years later and I don't even notice my children saying "Yeh-h-h" for yes, instead of a Boston "Ya". I love Bucks County, my neighbors and friends. I love the early springs and flowering shrubs, the late falls and virtually snowless winters. I love the stone farms and the vegetables they produce.

In two years I know we'll have to move again. Until then I'll enjoy my home and gardens — and like Scarlett O'Hara, I'll worry about it tomorrow.

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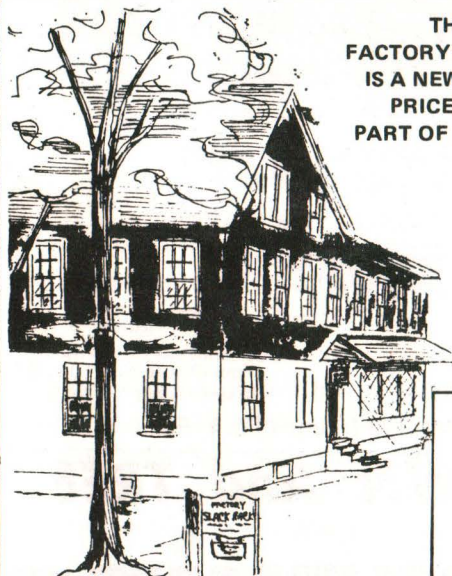
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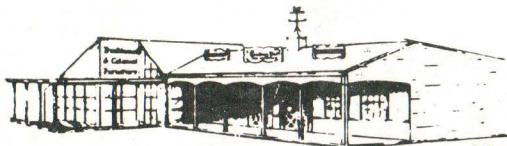
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by A. Russell Thomas

### OUR DIARY, YEAR 1921

THE BLUE SUNDAY Movement of 1921: The late distinguished Philadelphia Rabbi Joseph I. Krauskopf, one of the benefactors of National Farm School, now Delaware Valley College, was a valuable source of some of my news stories 51 years ago.

At the request of an opinion asked Rabbi Krauskopf by the late Philadelphia Mayor Moore on his opinion of "a stricter Sunday observance", Dr. Krauskopf wrote: "The piety that is enforced is of little value to God and man. People of the present day cannot be legislated into holiness. A liberal mode of Sunday observance will secure its safety; insistence upon a Puritanic Sabbath will hasten its doom."

Dr. Krauskopf in condemning the Blue Sunday Movement of 1921 told this scribe that he made the remarks "as a citizen rather than a religionist."

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OUR FIRST National Guard unit: After a campaign of one year, Bucks County's National Guard Unit, known as Company G., 6th Regiment, was recruited to sufficient war strength (Feb. 1921). The unit was inspected in the Doylestown Armory by Major William Fish as a preliminary to being mustered into Federal service in two weeks. Recruited as a Machine Gun company under the command of Captain Daniel D. Atkinson (now mayor of Doylestown) they passed a very satisfactory inspection. During World War 1, Company G, then an Infantry unit saw active service with the 111th Infantry of the 28th Division, with one of the finest records in the American Expeditionary Forces.

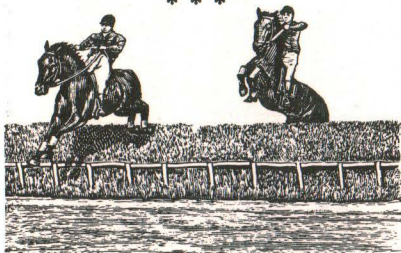
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LANSDALE HIGH'S worst defeat: Before the largest crowd of the season (Feb. 1922) Doylestown High basketball team then coached by Bill Kehl, handed Lansdale High its worst defeat, on the Doylestown Armory floor, 31 to 12. Lansdale scored but one lonely field goal during the game and it was Lansdale's fourth defeat in two years by a Doylestown team. My score book shows the Doylestown High lineup as follows: Stultz and Hellyer, forwards; Martin, center; Gulick and Rufe, guards; A. Tomlinson, Wilgus, substitutes. The timer was Jimmy Fretz and the referee was Ben Emory. Lansdale High lineup: Kratz and Allebach, forwards; Wieand, center; Beaman and Orr, guards.

Lansdale High did get some revenge the same night however when their girls' team defeated the Doylestown lassies, 27 to 9. Doylestown lineup included the Misses Irwin, Dwartzlander, Fretz, Denlinger and Gardy. Lansdale lineup: The Misses Zimmerman, Morris, Sellers, Huff and Bacher.

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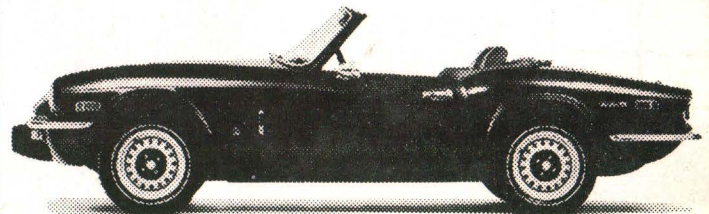
**CONDEMN FOX HUNTING:** In a resolution passed by the Alert Horse Company, a Bucks County organization in 1921, the Huntingdon Valley Hunt Club located near Willow Grove in Montgomery County was condemned for fox hunting, because County farmers were suffering a loss through the trampling of their fields, the damaging of property, and the killing of poultry by foxes never caught. Membership of the Huntingdon Valley Hunt Club was composed of reputed wealthy sportsmen who follow the hounds as their sport. In Montgomery County the fox, through alleged rich man's legislation is protected.

In order to win the good graces of the farmers in Southampton Township (Bucks County), the hunt club had been giving an annual dinner. At this affair, well remembered by this RAMBLER, a sumptuous meal was served. As one farmer described it, "chicken is never served as the foxes have killed all the chickens in that section." Joseph Adams of Lower Moreland Township in Montgomery County, told a reporter that in 100 days he lost all but 11 of 300 chickens.

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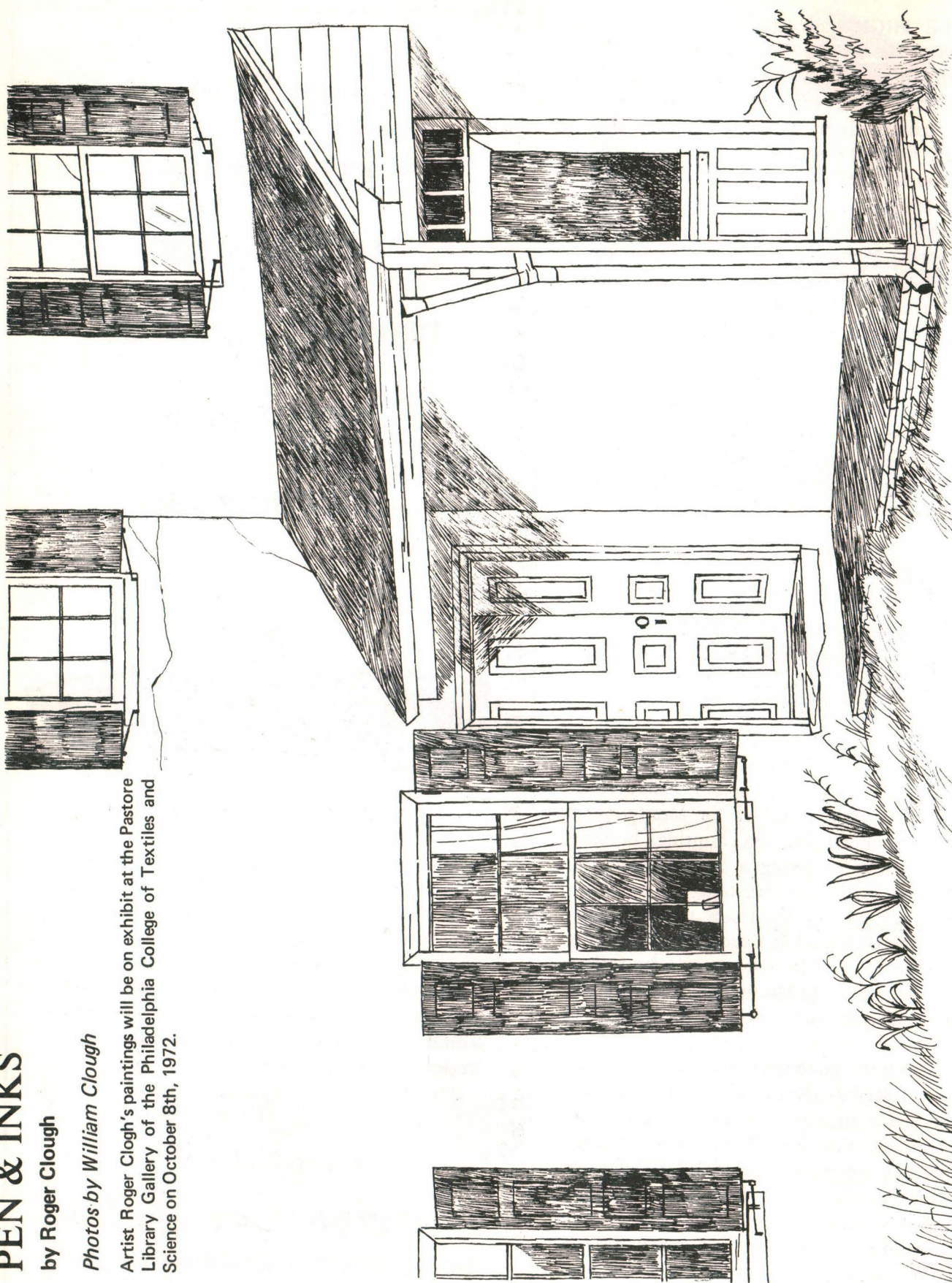


# PEN & INKS

by Roger Clough

*Photos by William Clough*

Artist Roger Clough's paintings will be on exhibit at the Pastore Library Gallery of the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science on October 8th, 1972.

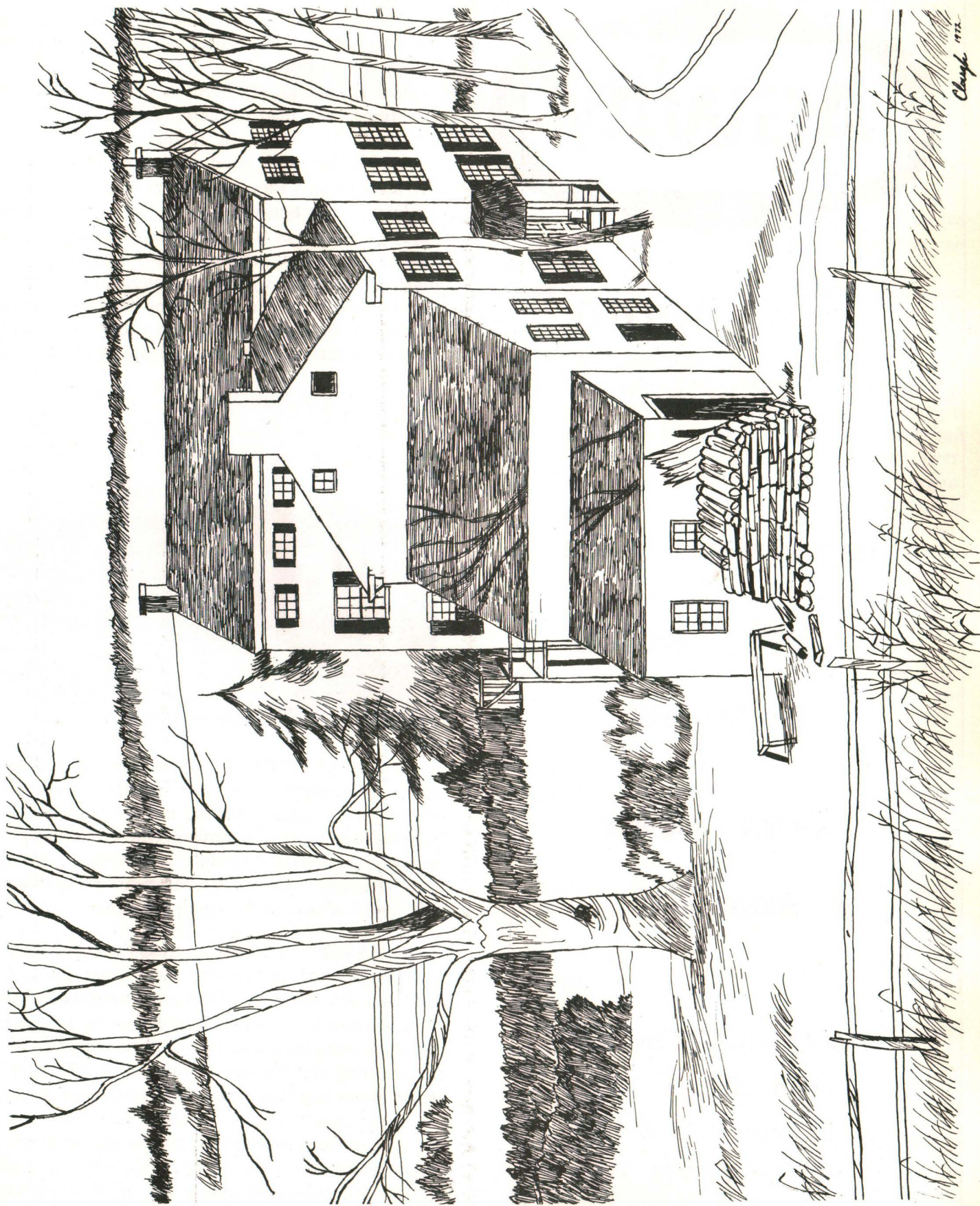


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*(SCHOOLS cont. from page 11)*

schools, or the elevation of the profession, nor will the cause of education suffer any serious loss on their leaving the profession.

**MORAL INSTRUCTION** — In 222 schools the Scriptures were read regularly, and in 20, they were not read. The effect of reading the Scriptures in school I believe to be good in all cases. In 184 schools the teachers said they gave moral instruction besides reading of the Scriptures. But few of the teachers have any regular or fixed methods of imparting moral instruction. They generally take opportunities to impart it orally, when surrounding circumstances appear most favorable for making proper impressions on the minds of their pupils, yet I fear others are less diligent in this universal end and aim of all education.



**PUBLIC SENTIMENT** — There are yet localities in this county where public sentiment is unfavorable to the common school system, but on the whole, the sentiment is rapidly improving. Wherever education is properly appreciated, public sentiment is favorable; and generally where the sentiment is unfavorable, education of any kind is unappreciated.

**REMARKS** — The fearful trials through which our country passed during the year, have but slightly affected the workings of the common school system in this county. Though we missed many of our best teachers, who have volunteered their services to assist in crushing this wicked and causeless rebellion, yet their places have been supplied by others, though not so experienced, and our schools have been for the most part as satisfactorily conducted as formerly. While a few of the districts have slightly retrograded, others have advanced and in the aggregate, we have made progress.



# river road

by Lana Kyle

A little after eleven p.m., the green Volkswagen turned from Ferry Road onto River Road, at Point Pleasant, heading south toward New Hope, squeezed between the steep hill to the right and the Delaware Canal to the left.

The storm had been one of those sudden, violent summer thunderstorms; a few minutes before, a deer, spooked by lightning, had bounded across the road. Now, as Milt guided the VW around a curve below the Mountainside Inn, a darker mass showed suddenly against the dark sky—a huge tree, broken off near the roots by lightning, had fallen across the road, its branches caught by the power lines on the canal side, the trunk at an angle, the highest point no more than six feet from the ground.

The Volkswagen's roof cleared the tree, narrowly, and Milt turned to the girl with him.

"I'm glad we weren't driving a truck," he started, and suddenly they both saw the lights coming toward them, high off the road and coming fast, the lights of a tractor-trailer. Instantly the thought crossed both minds; the driver, rounding that curve in the rain, would never see the tree until too late. It would crash through his windshield at about chest height.

Milt Kyle, a car salesman, was an expert driver, as his collection of rally and gymkhana trophies testified, and he had turned the VW on the narrow slippery road almost before the danger had crystallized in his mind, but it took all the speed he could coax out of the small car to catch up with the 40-foot rig. The truck driver, suspicious of any attempt to stop him on this deserted stretch of road, ignored the lights flashing in his mirror, and sped up.

With a tremendous effort, and painfully slowly, the VW crept past the truck and stopped, the emergency lights flashing; Milt jumped out and began waving his arms desperately.

At last the truck slowed and stopped, not six feet short of the tree; the driver, still unaware of the danger, was indignant at being flagged down. Finally, getting out of the cab, he stared at the tree and said, very quietly, "My God, I'd never have seen that . . ."

It was impossible to turn around, so he pulled the

truck to the shoulder of the road and put his emergency flashers on to warn cars coming in the same direction.

Milt skimmed the VW under the tree again and drove to the Point Pleasant Fire Company for help; then, returning with flashlights, he stood in the rain warning oncoming traffic. In the next quarter hour or so, some dozen vehicles, including one horse trailer, crept under the suspended tree, the trailer clearing it by no more than two inches. By midnight, help had arrived, flares were set out, and the danger was over. The danger was over; the adventure had hardly begun.

The 40-foot tractor-trailer was still trapped, unable to turn around, unable to go forward. The driver, relieved enough to be impatient now, asked whether there might be a cut-off deep enough to turn the truck around. Milt considered; there was only one cut-off, he knew, about three quarters of a mile south, but whether it was deep enough to accommodate a rig that size, he didn't know. After checking it, he and the driver decided to make the attempt.

The next twenty minutes seemed to stretch for hours, as the VW crawled along the black road leading the enormous tractor-trailer, in reverse, toward the cut-off. The truck driver could see nothing except the reflection of the VW's lights in his mirror.

Time after time the procession stopped to allow an oncoming car to creep past. Twice the driver turned too sharply and the trailer almost touched an outcrop of rock.

At last the cut-off appeared. Slowly the truck maneuvered into it, backward, and then eased forward, the lights pointing south.

The driver let out the breath he had been holding, and took a cigarette from Milt.

He looked at the girl as he got back into the Volkswagen. She was a little pale, but smiling.

"Are you all right?"

"Oh, fine. Just fine."

Somehow, the way she was looking at him, demure and admiring, gave him to understand that he might really be in danger now.





# Cues From Career Women

Don't pity the poor career girl. Working in a comfortable office, surrounded by glamorous men and with space-age equipment to do the hard jobs, she's likely to have things a lot easier than her counterpart at home. The key to her success? Organization — imposed from above in the well-run office; too often at a premium when the woman of the house has to do everything, and do it all herself.

Even if you're housebound and love it, it pays to borrow the tricks of efficiency-oriented working women. Studies have shown that the women with two jobs — inside the home, and outside — tend to be the most efficient at both. Having less time for each job, they're forced to learn to make every minute count.

Efficiency-building suggestions from these clever career women have one theme in common: Making business-world tricks perform in the increasingly complicated business of running a home. Take that office staple, the filing cabinet. It can work for you at home, doing jobs as important as any executive assignment. If you have bills and memos that always

seem to be going astray, invest in a small file cabinet. Assign drawer space to "family business" papers, including tax records, stationery and supplies, photos and documents that are hard to preserve "on the loose." The secretary keeps track of her pencils by placing them in a cup on her desk. Adapt this idea at home by storing frequently-used small kitchen gadgetry (can opener, paring knife, corkscrew) in a large mug on your work counter.

Even the simplest aids from a local office supply outlet do double duty at home. For example, Scotch Magic transparent tape does more than mend torn papers. One smart secretary suggests using it to cover frequently-used recipes, to keep them from getting greasy. A colleague, who's learned by experience, protects addresses with a strip of tape whenever she has to walk to the mailbox in the rain; it assures that a letter bound for Indianapolis won't reach Minneapolis by mistake.

Planning a trip? The career girl knows she'll probably have to carry her own luggage. As a wife and mother you'll be carrying *everyone's* things. So





pack light! Include among your essentials Scotch double-coated tape; it secures travelers checks to your purse lining, and anchors a sagging hem or holds a belt in place. (You don't want to be bothered mending when you're on vacation!)

You know what happens when you come across a postage stamp with no stickum: out comes the gluepot, and in come sticky fingers. A length of double-coated tape for an entirely different purpose: to make your beauty routine proceed more swiftly. Anchor lipstick tray, bobby pin box, eyeshadow collection to your dressing table so you'll know just where everything is.

Once you have your makeup on, you may want to dress in a hurry. (If the kids are late for school, and you have lots of shopping to do, you can't waste time.) Your dress is covered with lint or dog hairs, and the clothesbrush is nowhere in sight? Don't despair. A length of double-coated tape wrapped around your finger will remove the offenders. Want to wear boots, but you notice a tiny tear? Temporarily seal it with Scotch book tape.

The married woman spends the early morning getting her husband and children ready for job and school. If he's a traveling businessman, she sends him packing with a portable steam wrinkle-remover to take care of his away-from-home pressing problems.

If your children spend more time looking for a pencil and watching TV than studying, give them a quiet corner to work in — an area in the laundry room will do. Keep their supplies (pencil holder, tape dispenser, paperclip jar) in one place via double-coated tape. If they can find a pencil, that's one less excuse for not doing their homework.

Is running a household easier than going to work? Of course not! Both present unique challenges, but both require organization. And that's why office technology is so useful in the home.

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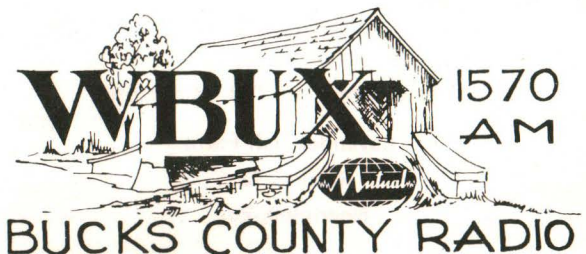
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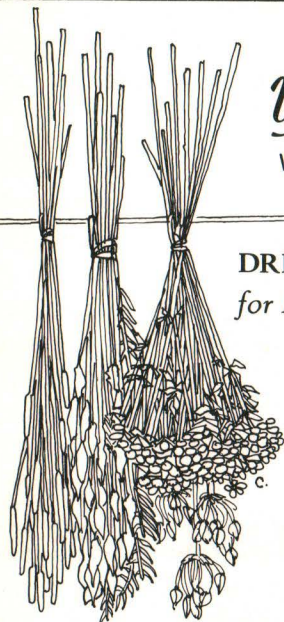
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**QUAKERTOWN GETS COPS:** Crime in Bucks County will be more thoroughly investigate as a result of placing in Quakertown (1921) a detail of three members of the Pennsylvania State Constabulary, the third within 25 miles of Doylestown — Ambler, Langhorne and Quakertown. Headquarters for the new Quakertown detail were located at the Globe Hotel. The station was established through the efforts put forth by District Attorney Hiram H. Keller.

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**COURT BUSINESS in 1920:** Justice was dealt out in 142 criminal cases in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Bucks County during 1920 according to the annual report of Clerk Howard C. Hetrick, of Telford and Deputy Clerk William F. Kelly, of Doylestown. Of the total new cases, 149 were disposed of during the year by District Attorney Hiram H. Keller. Twenty-two of the criminals were found guilty and sentenced, while forty-four criminals pleaded guilty and received sentences. One defendant pleaded guilty and was paroled. During the year, 52 cases were nol-prossed and thirty defendants were acquitted.

Four cases were continued. Three murder cases were tried during 1920 and two were acquitted and one case continued. During the year there were eleven desertion and non-support cases against whom orders were made. (Records show that as much criminal court business is handled during one term of court now as in all of 1920).

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**SHORT NOTES FROM my 1920-21 diary:** After being bid to \$7750 the Mary C. Abbott farm of 77 acres in Warrington was withdrawn . . . Clement H. Congdon, newspaper editor (Phila. Transcript) and owner of "Victory Farms" in Doylestown Township, celebrated his 30th year as an active newspaperman . . . Six Bucks Countians were graduated from the Pierce School of Business, in the Academy of Music including Miss Catherine B. Carver and Byron P. Fell, Doylestown; Miss Mary deL. McGee, Bristol; Miss Ethel S. Price and Miss Marian N. Price, Quakertown; William H. Thompson, Bristol . . . Hatboro National Bank stockholders met in annual session and chose as directors, O.E.C. Robinson, Penrose Robinson, William Hobensack, H. Benton Leedom, Walter Rothwell, Eugene Rothwell and William F. Wilson . . . Burglars forced an entrance into the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Station in Hatboro and secured 20 cents in money and a large amount of chewing gum.

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## What's New that's Old

by Dorothy A. McFerran

### BUTTONS

Buttons, those decorative and vital appendages, in use since 1600 B.C. to keep clothing intact, have been put to some very ingenious, often downright nefarious uses. Buttons come in so many categories that collecting just one type can be a life's work. A glance at the table of contents in a book on buttons is enough to boggle the mind!

To name a few types: Flowers, Animals, Portraits, Scenes, Coins. Under Military alone are included three sub-divisions: Non-Military Uniform, Quasi-Uniform, Pseudo-Uniform. In addition there are many others such as jewelled, precious metals (gold and silver) pewter and tin.

One category you are not likely to find listed is pornographic... that's right, dirty buttons. This is because they are all in museums or private collections. In 18th century France, they were all the rage. Court sports of the period delighted in decking out their satin frock coats in rows of huge buttons which caused the ladies they confronted or affronted to blush and flee.

These buttons depicted, in minute and salacious detail, the most erotic love scenes from the Loves of Arentino. He was a 15th century Italian satirist who wrote pornography whenever he needed money. (so what else is new?)

Other odd uses for buttons were among the primitive people who wore them mainly to ward off evil spirits. They also used them instead of money in trading.

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**HOBBIES OF GREAT MEN:** George Washington's principal diversion was training baby foxes... Francis Bacon was so fond of fine clothes that he spent his off time in trying to devise new styles and features of dress and during his life he made some 12,000 drawings of freakish costumes... President Cleveland liked to paint the children's toys and little odds and ends of household furniture and seated on a stool with youngsters of the White House around him, Cleveland would amuse himself for hours decorating their toys in the liveliest shades... Fenimore Cooper couldn't write unless he had gumdrops to chew, and he bought them in 10-pound lots... Daniel Webster had a curious fancy for painting the faces of his cattle. One week the poor beasts would walk round with blue faces and the next would appear with red ones.



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**THIS RAMBLER** is now looking forward to another Happy Birthday in Madison, Wisconsin August 17th. Retired, yes, but still on the staff of Panorama and Bucks County Sheriff Charlie Jones as a deputy. Dr. Jacques Babbin, of Point Pleasant once told me, "retirement is but a continuation of the active life — shifted into low gear and maintained at cruising speed." He also advised, "the shift should be gradual and anticipated but one should not come to a complete stop and then try to appraoce the cruising speed in a short time. The gradual slowdown is the better with the least amount of shock to the individual. Retirement is a transition and calls for adjustment in every phase of what was our normal daily pattern of living."

Dr. Babbin points out there are three cardinal points of adjustment that are of prime importance. The most important he lists as tranquility, not by means of tranquilizing drugs but the old-fashioned kind — self therapy. He claims you must still work at something. You may retire your body to some extent but you should not retire your mind.

"Do not sit on your derriere and let old rocking chair get you," the good doctor advises.

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(WHAT'S NEW cont. from page 23)

In wartimes, buttons have been very useful indeed. Civil War soldiers used hollowed out buttons, not only to carry pictures of their loved ones, but often to conceal a gold piece to be used as ransom in case of capture. Real button buffs examine every Civil War button they come across very carefully.

In WW II, certain American and British flyers and paratroopers were given secret buttons which contained minute and highly accurate compasses for use in case they fell behind enemy lines.

Japanese artists were noted for designing hollow, plain, ivory buttons for the purpose of smuggling opium, and international spies have used similar buttons for carrying messages.

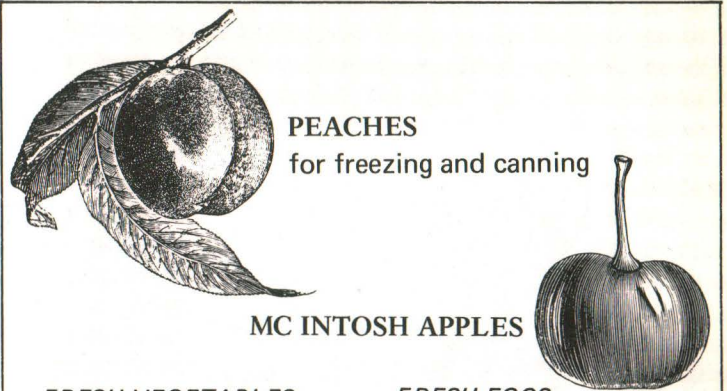
Since it is campaign time again, and all campaign items are good collectibles, it is interesting to consider the early campaign buttons used in this country. They were not always so obvious as they are today. Often they expressed loyalty, but not so openly. The first such on record dates back to 1829. It was a small brass button which contained the name Andrew Jackson, but on the *backside* only.

Later, in 1834, the Whig party distributed a button with printing all over it. Made of brass (dime size) the front reads "E Pluribus Unum" and "For The Constitution". The back declares "True Whigs of '76 and '34".

Harrison's campaign of 1848, long associated with the humble log cabin, showed the cabin on a flat-backed, rounded front, large button. Depending on locale, the button also included designs showing tobacco plants, flags, or a big cider barrel (hard cider).

The real winner for the button collector is the unique George Washington Inaugural button. They are usually referred to as G.W.'s. Made of Metal, the buttons are flat. They were made in about a dozen different designs and sizes ranged from half inch to an inch and a half. Many carry the motto "Long Live The President". Some feature the monogram "GW" in the center in flowing script and the motto is around the border. Others feature the typical symbol of the American Eagle with thirteen stars (one for each state) making up the border.

If you happen to lack a few buttons (who doesn't these days?) or are interested in starting a collection, drop in to see the Button Lady of Bucks next time you are in Newtown. She is Marion Beans, a gracious Quaker lady and long time collector-dealer. She has them all . . . her specialty is the "story book button" category, but only duplicates of these are for sale.



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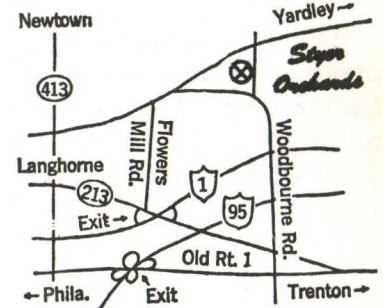
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by Sheila Martin

*Panorama* congratulates three Bucks County couples on their wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Painter of Doylestown wed 60 years, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Glasgow and Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver both couples of Doylestown and both wed 50 years.

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Visitors to the Thompson-Neely House and the Old Ferry Inn at Washington Crossing State Park, Pennsylvania will now be greeted by guides in colonial costumes.

This project was recently undertaken by Mrs. Anita Schorsch of the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission and Mrs. Louise P. Fisher, wife of Park Superintendent E. Wilmer Fisher. In their striving for authenticity, they studied sketches sent from Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, and did research at the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Fashion Wing.

Fabrics had to be searched for that were in keeping with the type that would have been worn by members of the Thompson and Neely families. Most fabrics at that time were imported from England, India and France. At the Museum file drawers of samplings of colonial fabrics were shown to them and the women were advised as to how garments of the Revolutionary period in our nation's history were worn. Colors decided upon were from the hand dyed types; gold tones were made from onion skins, beet juice made the pinks and red tones, blues from the Indigo Plant and brown was made from walnut shells.



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The style of the costume is of the early 18th century. The Thompson family was more prosperous than most farmers, gaining the bulk of their income from the milling business and the furnishings of the house are more elaborate than would be normal for a farm house of that time. Mrs. Schorsch and Mrs. Fisher kept all of this in mind in choosing fabrics and patterns.


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Central Bucks High School-West students are planning an unusual gift for the Central Bucks community.

The gift is a 12 ft. by 24 ft. 3-D relief map of the Central Bucks area from Buckingham Mountain to the Bucks-Montgomery line. The map shows large schools, rivers, streams and the proposed Route 611 and 202 bypasses. It is expected that the map, which hangs in the auditorium, will be used to see the effects of community projects on the land forms surrounding the project areas. Since the map is white, a local planning commission, sewerage authority or highway department might project a transparency of a proposed public project on the area and see the contour of the land affected.


The map is the result of six months work by the Environmental Action Committee at CB-West. West received one of 17 grants earlier this year from federally supported Project K.A.R.E. (Knowledgeable Action to Restore Our Environment). The grant is to study "Urban Sprawl - The Impact of Transportation."

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- 10 RICHLANDTOWN — Annual Homecoming of the Richland Historical Society (Shelly School). Afternoon. Special ceremonies 2 p.m.
- 15,16 QUAKERTOWN — Quakertown Historical Society will present its annual Arts Festival, at the rear of the Liberty Bell Bakery and Delicatessen, 1313 W. Broad St. Craftsmen, exhibitors and artists will be in attendance both days. Square Dance Exhibition by the Quaker 8's Saturday 8:30 p.m.
- 14,15,16 MORRISVILLE — Eighth Annual Pennsbury Manor Americana Forum, held at Pennsbury Manor (home of William Penn), off Bordentown Road, near Tullytown. Reservations are a must with the Manor. Write to the Curator, Pennsbury Manor, Morrisville, Pa. 19067, or call 946-0400 for information.
- 16 LOWER MAKEFIELD TWP. — Flea Market, featuring antiques, hand-made items, baked goods, etc. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church, Big Oak Road. Raindate September 23.
- 18-24 LEVITTOWN — U.S. Lawn Tennis Sanctioned Tournament, Frosty Hollow Tennis Center. Sponsored by the Bucks Co. Dept. Parks & Recreation.
- 22,23,28 BUCKINGHAM — Town and Country Players will present "Cabaret", at the Barn, Route 263, Curtain 8:30 p.m. Tickets at the door.
- 29,30 TULLYTOWN — 1972 Boat Regatta, sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association, sponsored by the Bucks County Fraternal Order of Police and the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Activities on Van Sciver Lake, off Bordentown Road. Information contact the Chamber of Commerce, 409 Hood Blvd., Fairless Hills, Pa. 19030.
- 30 & Oct. 1 NEW HOPE — New Hope-Ivyland Railroad, scenic trips through Bucks County on vintage train, 14 mile round trip. Admission. We suggest you phone 862-5206 for a schedule of operations. Weekends only.
- 1 - 30 DOYLESTOWN — National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Road. Guided tours — Sunday 2 p.m., other times upon request by reservation. Phone 345-0600. Shrine Gift Shop open 7 days a week 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Parking. Brochure available.
- 1 - 30 CHURCHVILLE — The Outdoor Education Center, Churchville County Park. Open daily 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. Special Family Programs Sunday 2 p.m.
- 1 - 30 PIPERSVILLE — Stover-Myers Mill, Dark Hollow Road, 1 mile north of Pipersville, 1 to 5 p.m. Weekends. Donation.
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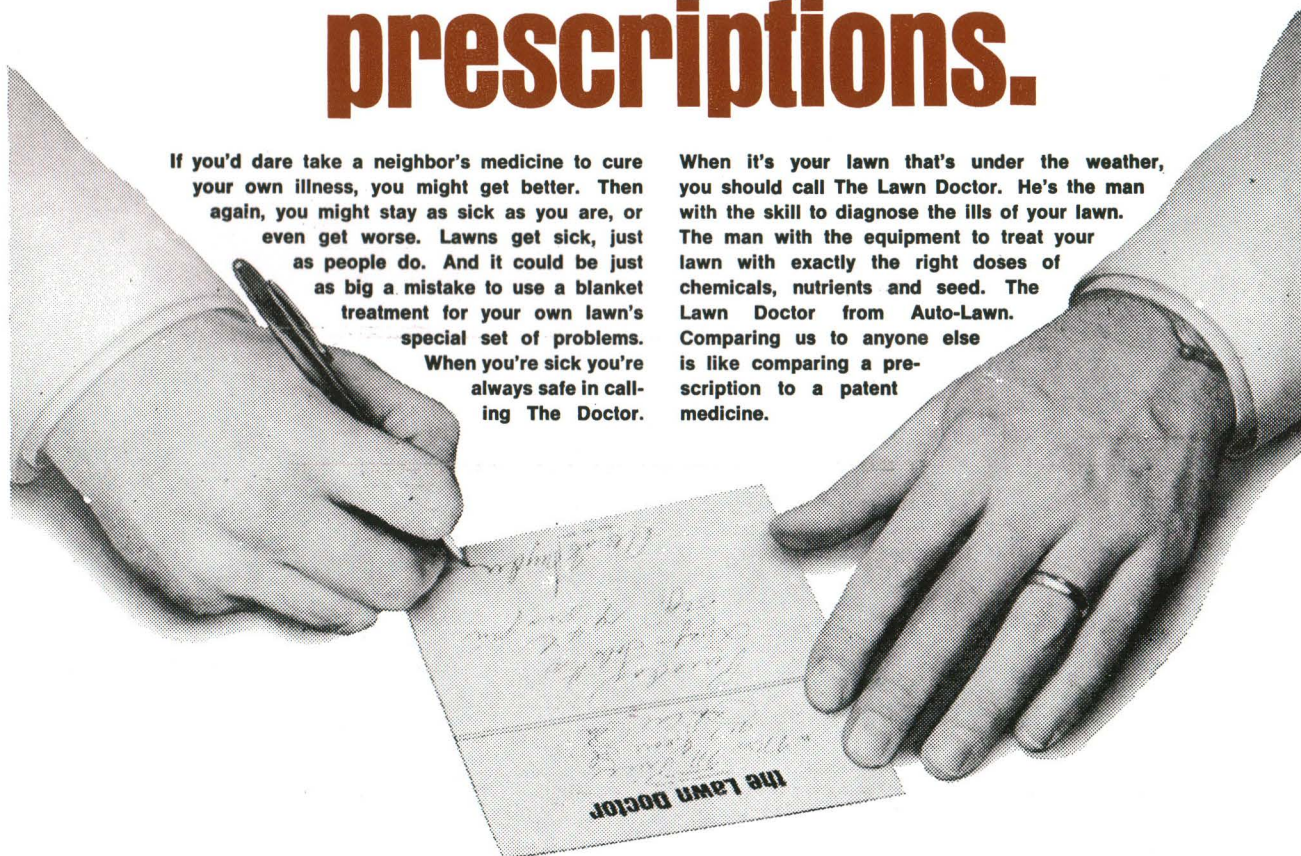
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